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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate some changes to PE/Health classes and lunches for students. Please understand these changes are to best socially distance students, and align with health and safety protocols. These changes are to start the year, and may change as needed.

PE/Health:

Preschool – There will be no changes to preschool PE/Health as it is taught as part of the creative curriculum throughout the day.

4th – 8th grades – Students in 4th and 5th grade will be scheduled for one PE class and one health class per week, while 6th through 8th will be scheduled for two PE classes and one Health class. PE class will only be held outside so the students can remove their masks. When inclement weather prevents us from going outside the students will have Health class that day. This will lead to somewhat of a fluid schedule, therefore we are not going to require gym uniforms for any students to begin the year. This will eliminate close contact in the locker rooms, and provide extended time outside during PE classes.

Lunches:

Preschool – Students will eat their lunch in their classroom. If they purchase a lunch it will be delivered to the class room. All students will be practicing social distancing when eating.

4th – 5th grades – Students in 4th grade will eat in the lunchroom with their grade level for 22 minutes, then go to recess. 5th grade students will go to recess, then into the lunchroom to eat for 22 minutes. All students will be practicing social distancing when eating.

6th – 8th grades – To begin the year, and in an effort to reduce the number of students in the lunchroom we will be reducing the time students have to eat to 22 minutes. The remaining 22 minutes of the lunch period students will transition back to a classroom, and be supervised by a certified staff member. During this time the students may take mask breaks, catch up on work, and responsibly socialize. All students will be practicing social distancing when eating.

Thank you for your support.

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